

24 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Senior Review Panel

FROM : Chief, Production Planning and Review Group
Management and Analysis Support Staff

SUBJECT : SRP Review of the NFAC Research Program

1. Attached at Tab A are the proposed research programs of the NFAC offices for the coming year, which D/NFAC asked you to examine for appropriateness of coverage, policy-relevance, and other qualitative as well as quantitative factors. Also attached (at Tab B) are the research programs of the 13 NFAC Priority Research Issue Teams. Together, the two sets of research programs (Tab A and Tab B) represent the full range of NFAC's planned research for 1982.

2. The most logical time for you to review the office research programs (Tab A) would be now, before the programs are published in hard cover early next year. In that way, your comments and recommendations could be taken account of before the programs were published in final form. In this connection, however, it is worth noting that demands on analytic resources will develop to delay, modify, or cancel research undertakings now planned, and other circumstances will require research efforts not now identified. In other words, the office programs are dynamic rather than static, so your comments can have effect at any point early in the program, even if the original office proposals have already been published.

3. For planning purposes, however, it would be useful to know by about 11 January whether you believe you will be able to review the office programs and offer recommendations in January--before publication--or whether your current workload makes it more likely that you will not be able to turn to this project until later.

Attachments:
As stated

cc: DD/NFAC (without attachment)

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